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Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report in connection with a corresponding European patent application, together with copies of documents cited therein. Note that Japanese Patent Document No. 2000-287661, cited therein, has previously been submitted in the above-identified application, with the Information Disclosure Statement submitted October 21, 2005; however, a different Abstract was submitted therewith, so a copy of the new Abstract is enclosed herewith. Further enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A and B, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

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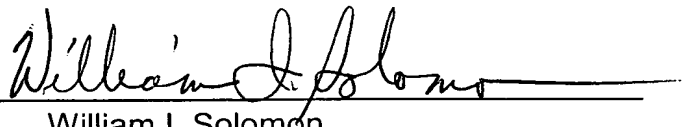
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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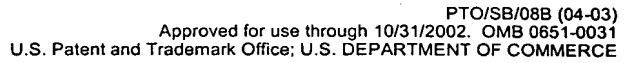
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